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SUBJ: OPENING OF US-YUGOSLAV SEMINAR "SATELLITES"

1. CONSUL GENERAL KAISER ON MONDAY(SEP 13) OPENED JOINT US-YUGOSLAV SEMINAR "SATELLITES" AND WELCOMED THE 60 PARTICIPANTS ON BEHALF OF THE AMBASSADOR. NASA ASTRONAUT PAUL WEITZ ADDED HIS WORDS OF WELCOME AND WAS WARMLY RECEIVED. PARTICIPATING IN THE CEREMONIES FROM THE YUGOSLAV SIDE WAS PROF. DR. TATOMIRANDJELIC FROM BELGRADE, PRESIDENT OF THE YUGOSLAV ASTRONAUTICAL AND ROCKET SOCIETY--FEDERAL LEVEL YUGOSLAV CO-SPONSOR NAMED BY THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. US AND YUGOSLAV CO-CHAIRMEN, DEAN RICHARD MARSTEN OF CUNY AND PROF. DR. DAVORIN BAZJANAC, CLOSED THE CEREMONIES BY INTRODUCING THEIR COLLEAGUES ON THE PANEL.

2. OPENING DAY LECTURE/SLIDE-PRESENTATION BY FREDERIC C. DURANT, III, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION'S NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM, WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED AS A MOST COMPLETE OVERVIEW OF SPACE EXPLORATION UP TO THE CURRENT VIKING PROBES.

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3. HIGHLIGHT OF FIRST DAY'S ACTIVITIES WAS 90-MINUTE

DISCUSSION (BEGINNING AT 1730 HOURS LOCAL TIME)
BY ASTRONAUT WEITZ, GUEST LECTURER AT ZAGREB'S TECHNICAL
MUSEUM. BEFORE MUSEUM'S 100 SPECIALLY INVITED GUESTS,
WEITZ INVOLVED HIS PUBLIC IN HIS EXPERIENCE AND THOUGHTS
ON USES OF SPACE EXPLORATION, MAN IN SPACE, AND,
PARTICULARLY, THE SPACE SHUTTLE. HE SIGNED NUMEROUS
PROGRAMS FOR HIS ADMIRING AUDIENCE.

4. BOOKS AND HAND-OUTS ACCOMPANYING SEMINAR WERE GREATLY
SOUGHT AFTER BY PARTICIPANTS. MANY SENIOR FACULTY MEMBERS
FROM UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT YUGOSLAVIA HAVE ALREADY
REQUESTED BOOKS FOR USE IN THEIR INSTITUTIONS' LIBRARIES.
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